

THE CHRYALIDS syllabus

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UNIT SYNOPSIS

This unit on John Wyndam's *The Chrysalids* will see us consider how dystopian literature offers contemporary readers insightful perspective into our own society. Throughout this unit we will seek to critically evaluate our society, to be conscious of the forces that manipulate us, and become aware of our own personal biases in the pursuit of truth. We will explore the consequences of racism, prejudice, and ignorance by recognizing those groups and individuals living in "the fringes" of our own society and how we in turn contribute to this system. We will be tasked with addressing these problems through the creation of a utopia, providing us with a responsibility to work through these issues as a class to understand the depth and complexity of these matters. This unit will encourage analytical thinking and creative responses in hopes of making us conscious and constructive members of society.

UNIT EXPECTATIONS

- Preparation for class and keeping pace with readings
- Participation in class discussion and activities
- Accountability in collaborating with peers
- An open mind towards new ideas/activities/challenges

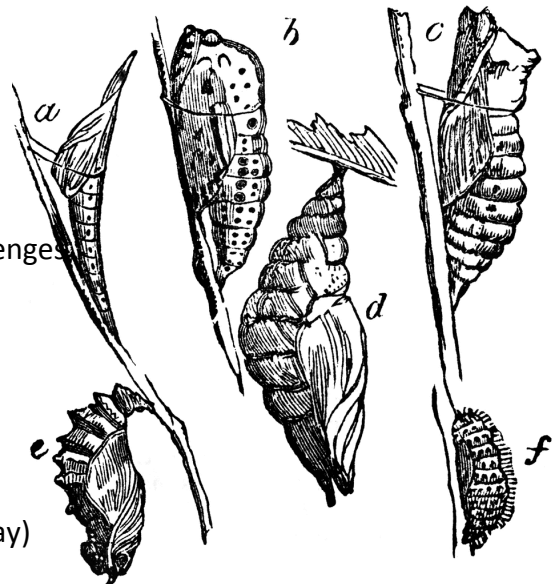
READING SCHEDULE

WEEK 1

1. March 24th – Introduction
2. March 26th – (Read up to the end of Chapter 2 for today)

WEEK 2

3. March 30th – (Read up to the end of Chapter 4 for today)
4. April 1st (**CPT DAY**) – (Read up to the end of Chapter 6 for today)



APRIL LONG WEEKEND – (April 3rd – 6th)

**WEEK 3**

5. April 7th – (Read up to the end of Chapter 10 for today)

6. April 9th – (Read up to the end of Chapter 12 for today)

(Paragraph Composition – In Class)

WEEK 4

7. April 13th – (Read up to the end of Chapter 14 for today)

8. April 15th – (Finish Book for today)

(Newspaper Editorial Due)

9. April 17th – Essay Review

WEEK 5

10. April 21st – Summative Essay

(Essay – In Class)

11. April 23rd – Utopia Presentations

(Utopia Project Due)



UNIT MARK BREAKDOWN

- Participation (Discussion, Class Activities) Ongoing 10 %
- Paragraph Composition (In Class – April 9th) 15 %
- Reading Quizzes..... 15 %
- Newspaper Editorial (Due April 15th) 15 %
- Summative Essay (In Class - April 21st) 25 %
- Utopia Project (Due April 23rd) 20 %

